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**CONVICTED FELON PLEADS GUILTY
FOR SALE OF CRYSTAL METH
AND POSSESSION OF STOLEN FIREARMS**

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today that **JOSHUA MAURICE BIEVER**, age 27, of 419 J.R. Miller Blvd., Owensboro, Kentucky, **pled guilty** to the sale of crystal meth or ICE valued at \$500 and possession of stolen firearms by a previously convicted felon.

The maximum potential penalties are not less than 5 years and not more than life imprisonment, a \$4.5 million dollar fine, and supervised release for a period of 5 years.

Biever admitted that on October 31, 2005, in Bowling Green, Warren County, Kentucky, he sold in excess of 5 grams of methamphetamine to an undercover informant. On November 8, 2005, **Biever**, having previously been convicted of theft of property valued at \$300 or more, possessed the same six firearms (Bryco Arms, Model 59, 9 mm semi-automatic pistol; Remington, Model 870, 12 gauge shotgun; Remington, Model 870, express mag. 12 gauge shotgun; Herrington & Richardson, trooper model, .410 gauge shotgun; Benelli Black Eagle, .12 gauge shotgun; Marlin, model 60, .22 caliber rifle) which he knew to be stolen.

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The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Randy Ream and was investigated by the Daviess County Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

The plea was entered before Joseph H. McKinley, Jr., Judge, United States District Court, Owensboro, Kentucky.

Beiver is scheduled to be sentenced before Judge McKinley on May 7, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. in Owensboro, Kentucky.

This is a Project Backfire prosecution. Project Backfire is a cooperative effort by the Jefferson County Attorney's Office, the Jefferson County Commonwealth's Attorneys Office, the Louisville Metro Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the United States Attorney's Office to ensure that firearm offenses are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the state and federal law.

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